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SUBJ: CSCE: INFORMATION -- WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS

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1. NATO CAUCUS HAS NOW LARGELY ACCEPTED FOLLOWING BRITISH DRAFT OF A NEW TEXT FOR REMAINING PARA OF DOCUMENT ON WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS (TO FOLLOW FOUR PARAS ALREADY MENTALLY REGISTERED):

BEGIN TEXT:

(5) -- EASE, ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, THE PROCEDURES FOR ARRANGING JOURNEYS BY PERMANENTLY AND TEMPORARILY ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES, THEREBY FACILITATING WIDER TRAVEL BY THEM WITHIN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE EXERCISING THEIR PROFESSION, SUBJECT TO THE OBSERVANCE OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE EXISTENCE OF AREAS CLOSED FOR SECURITY REASONS;

(6) -- ENSURE THAT REQUESTS BY SUCH JOURNALISTS TO MAKE SUCH JOURNEYS RECEIVE AN EARLY RESPONSE;

(7) -- INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOURNALISTS OF THE PARTICI-
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PATING STATES TO COMMUNICATE PERSONALLY WITH THEIR SOURCES, IN-

CLUDING INDIVIDUALS, ORGANISATIONS AND OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS;

(8) -- GRANT TO JOURNALISTS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES THE RIGHT TO IMPORT, WITHOUT RESTRICTION, SUBJECT TO ITS BEING TAKEN OUT AGAIN, THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT (PHOTOGRAPHIC, CINEMATOGRAPHIC, TAPE RECORDER, RADIO AND TELEVISION) NECESSARY FOR THE EXERCISE OF THEIR PROFESSION;

(9) -- ENABLE JOURNALISTS OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES, WHETHER PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY ACCREDITED, TO TRANSMIT COMPLETELY AND RAPIDLY BY MEANS RECOGNISED BY THE PARTICIPATING STATES AND TO THE INFORMATION ORGANS WHICH THEY REPRESENT, THE RESULTS OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, INCLUDING TAPE RECORDINGS AND UNDEVELOPED FILM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLICATION OR OF BROADCASTING ON THE RADIO OR TELEVISION.

(10) -- THE PARTICIPATING STATES REAFFIRM THAT THE LEGITIMATE PURSUIT OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY WILL NEITHER RENDER JOURNALISTS LIABLE TO EXPULSION NOR OTHERWISE PENALISE THEM. IF AN ACCREDITED JOURNALIST IS EXPELLED, HE WILL BE INFORMED OF THE REASONS FOR THIS ACT AND MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR RE-EXAMINATION OF HIS CASE.

(FOOTNOTE) -- THE PARTICIPATING STATES UNDERSTAND THE WORD "JOURNALISTS" IN THIS TEXT TO COVER PERSONS WHO ARE REGULARLY AND PROFESSIONALLY ENGAGED AS REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, CAMERA MEN OR TECHNICIANS OF THE PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION OR CINEMA IN ANY PARTICIPATING STATE.
END TEXT.

2. THIS TEXT SEEMS WITHIN OUR INSTRUCTIONS, AND WE PLAN TO CONCUR IN NATO CAUCUS DECISION ON TIMING FOR SUBMITTING IT TO SOVIETS.ABRAMS

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